

SIMON WOLF EIGHTY YEARS OLD TODAY; FRIENDS HONOR HIM

"Most Useful Man in District," Is Way Prominent Hebrew Is Described.

WILL BE GIVEN RECEPTION

"The most useful citizen of the District, who has been young for eighty years" is the way friends refer to Simon Wolf, who is celebrating his birthday today. His friends will give him a reception at his home, 2012 Columbia road, this afternoon and evening.

The reception, given as a mark of the esteem in which Mr. Wolf is held by his associates in business, philanthropic, and social circles here, will continue from 3 to 10 o'clock.

Mr. Wolf has been a citizen of Washington more than half a century and during that time is said to have taken an active part in every progressive movement for the upbuilding of the District, in addition to inaugurating several of them himself. A native of Bavaria, he came to this country as a child, and was educated in Ohio, taking his degree in law at the Ohio Law College, in Cleveland, in 1861.

Made Recorder of Deeds.
He came to Washington just after the close of the civil war and in 1869 was appointed recorder of deeds of the District. He became a prominent figure in local and national affairs immediately, and was soon looked upon as one of the foremost Hebrew publicists in the country.

In the promotion of the interests of the Hebrew people in this country Mr. Wolf has been especially active. He has devoted much of his time to writing and lecturing on the subject.

His book, "The American Jew as Patriot, Soldier, and Citizen," is looked upon as one of the most authoritative works of its kind.

He has lectured in every section of the country, and is the author of several standard biographies of Hebrews who have taken a prominent part in the building up of the country or in the public service.

Mr. Wolf has held political office but twice, the appointment of recorder of deeds being one of these. And then, for two years he served as consul general and diplomatic agent of the United States in Egypt.

During Critical Period.
This was just after the bombardment of Alexandria by the British and during a most critical period of modern Egyptian history.

In local affairs Mr. Wolf has played a most active part, especially with regard to philanthropic institutions.

He was president of the Board of Children's Guardians for many years, and has been a member of the Board of Charities since its organization. He was president of the board of trustees of the Rupert Home for the Aged and Indigent in this city. He was the founder of the Hebrew Orphan Home of Atlanta, and has been a member of the executive committee of the B'Nai B'rith many years.

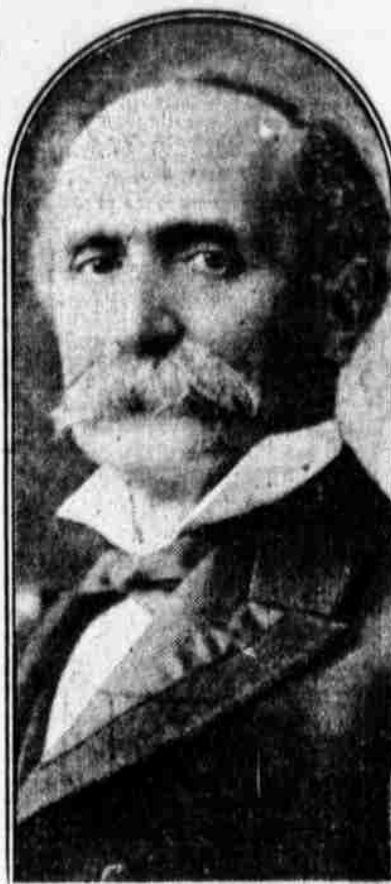
Mr. Wolf has been president of the Washington Hebrew Congregation and was one of the organizers of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He was one of the founders of the German Orphan Asylum of this city. He is a thirty-third degree Mason, and is president of the organization of Masonic veterans.

Active in Civic Affairs.
Mr. Wolf has been active in all sorts of civic affairs in Washington since his coming to this city. He has served on every inaugural committee and as an active worker on committees for various civic purposes. He is a member of the American Red Cross, and is a member of several of the important committees of the board of delegates on civil and religious rights.

Former President Roosevelt once said of Mr. Wolf that "No better American lives on this continent," and several other Presidents have taken occasion to express their warm personal regard for him on public occasions.

Mr. Wolf is still in active service. He declares that he feels better and more active than he has for years. He is still engaged in the practice of law here, and in looking after his many interests in public and private affairs.

Prominent Hebrew Who Observes Birthday



SIMON WOLF.

MME. ALDA OPENS MUSICAL SEASON

Exquisite art in the world of song, a voice of rare beauty in tone and shading, and added to these a woman of loveliness, charm and intellect—such are the endowments of Frances Alda, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, who inaugurated Washington's season of music in a song recital at the National Theater yesterday afternoon, the first concert of the Ten Star Series presented by T. Arthur Smith.

Mme. Alda has an incomparable gift. Of her, almost foremost among the recitalists, one might tell the student to emulate Frances Alda in all things—in voice production, in interpretation, in nuance, in her faultless purity of tone, the one could not borrow her personality with its warmth and its tenderness.

An unusual program, too, was given by Mme. Alda, with much that was unfamiliar and seven novelties that she has been the first to sing. In her group of the older school the opera aria by Puccini, "Cyprien's" charge to Lianet, was truly memorable and truly lovely. The fineness of her work was revealed in the Mozart "Non so piu" from the "Marriage of Figaro," while the old English "Lovely Cecilia" was a perfect legato.

Of the novelties, two Finnish songs in their original tongue were a rich contribution to our music, "Siunle," by Merikanto, and "Kehtolaulu," by Järnefelt, the latter a lullaby sung with exquisite subtlety with the tender quality dominant. The "Chanson d'Antoine," of Sibella, was a wealth of deep feeling, opening a group of new music of rare worth, including "Edelweiss," in which Mme. Alda made you feel the mountain flower in its setting.

Frank La Forge was the assisting artist, as composer-accompanist and soloist. Two of his new songs were sung twice by Mme. Alda, his "Song of the Open," being a brilliant song of ecstasy. Mr. La Forge's accompaniments are intimately sympathetic. His solos included the Chopin P sharp "Nocturne," Mozakowski's "Etincelles," and an "Improvisation" of his own.

Mme. Alda beside several repetitions, gave as encores, "The Lass With the Delicate Air," "My Lullaby," and "Ouvre tes yeux bleus," of Massenet. She omitted the "Coleridge Taylor," "Life and Death" in her English group.

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P. T. MORAN URGES DISTRICT SUFFRAGE

Tells Brightwood Park Citizens Washington Should "Bombard the Senate."

Declaring the citizens of the District should "bombard the halls of the Senate" until Congress listens to their plea, and deploring the conditions which make Washington the only "un-American" city in the United States, P. T. Moran, president of the Chamber of Commerce, strongly advocated suffrage for the District last night before the Brightwood Park Citizens' Association.

"The framers of the Constitution," said Mr. Moran, "never intended any citizens of the United States to live as 300,000 citizens of the District are living today. I have heard an opposition to District suffrage based on the fact that the negro vote would rule. If the 225,000 people of Washington are afraid of the 75,000 votes the colored population would cast, they should go and chain themselves for the rest of their lives."

Committee at Work.
Mr. Moran stated that the Chamber of Commerce has a committee at present which is working on the suffrage question for the District, and that if every citizen's association would "get behind the movement and push" there was no reason why Washington should not have the right to vote after the next session of Congress.

Several members of the Brightwood Park Citizens' Association protested

against the quality of gas they are getting "since the price has been lowered to 75 cents." The secretary of the organization was directed to write a letter of protest to the Washington Gas Light Company.

A resolution was adopted, and will be presented by the association to the next Congress, asking for the creation of a board of tax appeals and a \$2,000 home tax exemption.

The citizens' association appealed to the Washington Railway and Electric Company for an extension of the "owl" service to Brightwood Park.

Officers Re-elected.

The association re-elected all officers. They are: William McK. Clayton, president; F. J. Metcalf, vice president; William D. Wilson, secretary; G. D. Gamble, treasurer; and William McK. Clayton, delegate to the Federation of Citizens' Associations, with E. J. Ayres, as alternate.

The following chairmen of committees were appointed: E. J. Ayres, railroads; J. L. Erickson, sewers and water; Lewis E. Stahl, trees; J. P. Richards, parks and lawns; G. F. Williams, streets; Charles Helmuth, fire and police; Homer Smith, membership; J. W. Smith, press; and M. J. White, entertainment.

G. W. U. Students Will Debate With Tar Heels

The second annual debate between George Washington University and the University of North Carolina will be staged here about December 15. The subject discussed by students working for places on the team was, "Resolved, That Congress should pass a law requiring compulsory arbitration of all controversies arising between employers and employees of railroads, constitutionally waived." This same subject will be the one for the intercollegiate debate, George Washington having chosen the negative side.

The team is being chosen by a board of judges composed of Dean William Allen Wilbur, of Columbian College; Prof. J. L. Parke, of the law school faculty; and P. B. Morehouse, coach of the team.

DEMOCRATS READY FOR RALLY TONIGHT

Local Association Will Have Big Rally to Celebrate Wilson Day.

This is "Wilson Day" for the Democrats of the District. Under direction of the Wilson and Marshall Democratic Association, District Democrats will rally at Convention Hall tonight.

All arrangements for the event are made and officials of the association predict a record-breaking meeting, bristling with enthusiasm.

College men Wilson club will be on hand to cheer for the President, and a large part of the hall has been reserved for the Women's National Democratic Association, of which Mrs. William Cullip is President.

Progressive to Speak.

One of the speeches of the evening will be by Hugh Gordon Miller, of New York, formerly a Progressive. He will tell "Why Progressives and Independents Should Support Woodrow Wilson."

A feature of the meeting will be reading of a message from the President by Charles W. Darr, president of the Wilson and Marshall Association.

Oratory and music will begin at 6:30. The speakers will include Congressman D. J. Lewis of Maryland, candidate for Senator; Jackson H. Ralston, and Congressman Carl of Virginia.

Delegations of Visitors.

Plans are made to have large delegations of Maryland and Virginia Democrats attend the meeting.

The Wilson National Eight-Hour

League, P. A. Sugrue, of this city, secretary, is sending out a circular letter to "all friends of labor," upholding the President and the Adamson law.

The league will join with the Wilson and Marshall Clubs in the celebration at Convention Hall tonight.

Ohioan Predicts His State Will Go Republican

The Democrats are winning their customary before-election victory according to J. F. Gearhart, a leading business man of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Gearhart, who is in Washington today, predicted the former vote of Ohio will go Republican and that

carry the State.

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